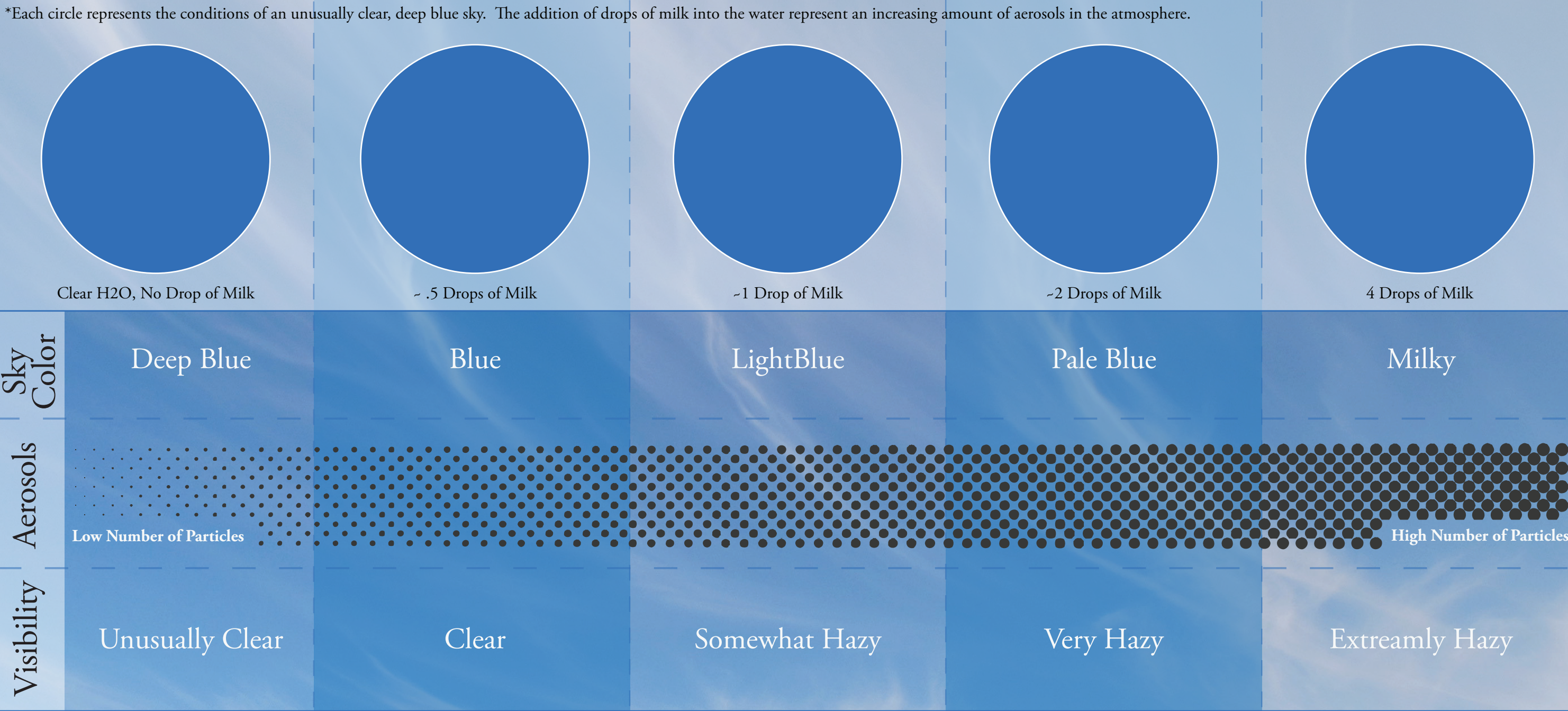


SKY CONDITIONS

The amount of aerosols in the atmosphere affect our sky conditions. Most aerosols are too small to see but we can observe their impacts by observing and categorizing sky color and visibility. Observing these parameters help us to understand how aerosols reflect, refract, and absorb energy entering and leaving the Earth’s Atmosphere.



Helpful tips for observing sky conditions:

- Sky color and visibility do not change drastically day to day.
- When observing sky condition, look for something out of the ordinary. Different locations can have different common observations (commonly clear or commonly hazy).
- To get a good starting point for sky condition observations in your area, wait for a cold front or a storm to pass through. A cold front or a storm tend to “wash” the aerosols out of the atmosphere which will provide the clearest sky conditions for your area. It helps to take a picture as well, this will be a good comparison for later sky condition observations.

